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SUBJECT: TRANSHIPMENT OF EC CHEESES THROUGH CANADA

REF: A) STATE 253300; B) EC BRUSSELS 8843

1. AFTER ALERTING HIJZEN OVER THE WEEKEND, WE CONVEYED TO HIM IN DATAIL THE POINTS IN REFTEL A AT THE OPENING OF BUSINESS MONDAY, NOV 18. HIJZEN ACCEPTED THE NEWS STOICALLY, SAYING THAT HE COUND NOT GIVE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE BEFORE CONSULTING WITHIN THE COMMISSION. HE THOUGHT THE SOLUTION PROPOSED ON NOVEMBER 14 (REFTEL B) WAS PROBABLY THE MAXIMUM THAT THE COMMISSION COULD DO POLITICALLY,BUT HOPED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH US LATER IN THE DAY TO GIVE A MORE DEFINITVE RESPONSE.

2. AT MID-MORNING, HANNAY, SOAMES' CHEF DE CABINET, HAVING HEARD FROM HIJZEN, TALKED WITH THE CARGE AND MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) SOAMES IS OUT OF TOWN AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL LUNCH TIME TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, (B) IN HIS ABSENCE,HANNAY WISHED US TO INFORM WASHINGTON THATTHE COMMISSION AND SOAMES WOULD TAKE IT SERIOUSLY AMISS IF THE US GOVERNMENT ACTED WITHOUT TIME FOR THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMISSION TO SEE WHETHER IT COULD WORK UP A FIRM

PROPOSAL; (C) SOAMES MAY WISH PERSONALLY TO BE IN TOUCH WITH US IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH A PROPOSAL; AND (D) SOAMES HAD QUITE RECENTLY DISCUSSED WITH SEVERAL HIGH-LEVEL US VISITING OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SECRETARY BUTZ, THE GENERAL CHEESE COUNTERVAILING ISSUE AND THE COMMISSION HAD BEEN ANTICIPATING A JOINT RE-EXAMINATION OF THIS ISSUE. WHILE HANNAY BELIEVES THERE IS NO CHANCE THAT THE COMMISSION CAN DRASTICALLY REDUCE OR ELIMINATE ITS SUBSIDY ON CHEESE DESTINED FOR CANADA, IT IS STILL CONSIDERING ALL OTHER POSSIBILITIES. HANNAY ASKED THAT WE REPORT HIS VIEWS TO WASHINGTON.

3. WE EMPHASIZED TO HANNAY THE PRESSING NEED FOR A COMPLETE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THE LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL AND POLITICAL PRESSURES IN THE US. WE EXPLAINED THE POLITICAL AND LEGAL FACTORS LIMITING OUR GOVERNMENT'S FREEDOM OF ACTION. WE EXPRESSED WASHINGTON'S APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS MADE THUS FAR AND EMPHASIZED OUR INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE OVERALL UNDERSTANDING ON CHEESE SUBSIDIES TO THE US. WE ALSO WENT THROUGH WITH HIM THE OTHER ARGUMENTS IN REFTEL A.MYERSON

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